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## PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGNS BEGIN CONTACTING SECRETARY OF THE STATE'S OFFICE

DODD AND GIULIANI ARE FIRST TWO CANDIDATES TO REQUEST THAT THEIR  
NAMES APPEAR ON FEBRUARY BALLOT

**Hartford:** Presidential candidates, Senator Christopher Dodd (D-CT) and Mayor Rudolph Giuliani (R-NY) are the first two presidential hopefuls to request that their names appear on Connecticut's February 5<sup>th</sup> primary ballot. This month, both Dodd and Giuliani submitted their request in writing to Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz.

"More than five months before this state's presidential primaries and we've already been to be contacted by presidential campaigns to ensure their candidate is on the ballot," said Secretary Bysiewicz. "This is another sign that the primary process has been accelerated and even in the summer campaigns are extremely focused on securing ballot access. Considering that Connecticut moved its primary to February 5<sup>th</sup> I expect that more presidential candidates will contact our office coming weeks."

In his letter to Secretary Bysiewicz, Mayor Giuliani's Campaign Committee Chairman, Patrick Oxford wrote to the Secretary of the State, "... to inform you officially that

Mayor Giuliani is seeking the 2008 Republican nomination for President of the United State.”

Scott Arceneaux, National Political Director for Sen. Dodd stated, “It is very important to Sen. Dodd that the people of Connecticut, who he has represented so proudly since 1974, have the opportunity to express their support for his candidacy, and he intends to work hard for their votes.”

The Dodd and Giuliani letters of intent do not secure them a place on the February 5<sup>th</sup> ballot. According to Connecticut General Statute, a candidate's name may be placed on a party's primary ballot in one of two ways: by the Secretary of the State, if in the Secretary's opinion the person's candidacy has received significant national or state media coverage; or by petition signed by at least one percent of the enrolled members of the party in the state.

On November 19, 2007 Secretary Bysiewicz will publicly announce the list of candidates whose names will be placed on the ballot of each party and on Wednesday January 2, 2008 Secretary Bysiewicz will hold a public ceremony where she will determine by lot the order of all candidates on the ballot.

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